

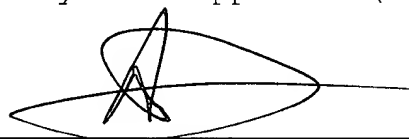
**REMARKS**

Applicants believe that the amendment to claim 2 to delete the recitation of distinct species obviates this election of species requirement. Accordingly, in reliance thereof no election of species or listing of claims readable thereon is believed to be necessary in response to this Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

Claim 2 has been amended as follows:

2 (Amended). The interleukin-18-binding protein of claim 1, which comprises ~~a part of the whole of the amino acid sequence shown in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 3 to 31~~ 4 to 29 contiguous amino acid residues in the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or 2.